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Some Secrets Necessary — CIA Chief

America must have "national family secrets," especially since this is a world "in which we are 30 minutes away from an aimed and cocked missile," the director of the Central Intelligence Agency said in San Francisco.

Speaking to the Commonwealth Club, William Colby, 55, said the CIA has made mistakes, but they have been overdramatized and mask the positive aspects of the agency's role.

He agreed more specific legislation on the CIA's role is required and said he is cooperating with the White House commission headed by Vice President Nelson Rockefeller.

Colby insisted charges leveled against the CIA were exaggerated and said what occurred was legal and reflected the political outlook of the times. The CIA has been accused of domestic spying and also of participating in the political activities of other countries.